

## Hunt in Iraq

# Bowie Brigade Targets IEDs

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CAMP COOKE- It's not the usual hunt but neither is the prey. Members of the 39th Brigade Combat Team found that out when they went on a right-seat-ride with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division to learn the lay of the land.

The 501st Support Battalion, 1BCT and the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, 39BCT, 1st Cavalry Division, teamed up during the recent transition period to hunt – hunt improvised explosive devices (IEDs), that is.

With the recent upswing of violence across Iraq, Soldiers are hunting to keep supply routes and people safe.

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**-SPC Travis Griffin  
39BCT**



Iraqi schoolchildren greet the 39BCT as they work to keep the streets safe for all that pass through.

Soldiers gear up several times a day to patrol streets and bridges at an agonizing 10 miles-per-hour.

"Someone has to do it,"

said Pfc. Reggie Parker, 19, of Coos Bay, Ore. "It has to be done."

If an IED is found, there is always the possibility of a hidden triggerman. It may sound a little more than risky, but SPC Travis Griffin, 28, of Medford, Ore., finds the sweeps to be advantageous to Soldiers despite the menacing hazards.

"It keeps Soldiers, kids and innocent civilians alive,"

he said. "We need to look out for the [surrounding] population."

The Oregon-based 2nd Battalion is taking a specific interest in this hunt, because one of their Soldiers was recently injured by an IED placed under a bridge.

"It makes us want to go out [even] more," Parker said. "We want to keep it from happening again."

## Victory North PX Opening Delayed

# Late Shipments Force May 10 Opening

CAMP VICTORY NORTH- The new Army and Air Force Exchange Service Post Exchange currently under construction at Camp Victory North won't be opening its doors on schedule.

Originally scheduled to

open on April 23, the store manager, Len Freitas, said the delay is due to the late arrival of goods. The new, tentative date to open the doors of the theater's largest military shopping center has been set at May 10.

The 30,000 square-foot PX's stock is late in shipment because the borders were closed recently due to heightened security. Freitas said the borders have reopened.

May 10 isn't a guaranteed opening date. The store man-

agement plans for a grand opening when the PX is fully ready. The ceremony plans feature the 1st Cavalry Division Band, a ribbon cutting and special deals on selected products.



Medical Aid in the Field**91st Engineer QRF Medic Saves Stabbing Victim**

By Spc. Jan Critchfield  
122nd MPAD

FORWARD OPERATING BASE THUNDER— Shortly after darkness descended, three Iraqi men were spotted carrying a fourth man toward this U.S. Army outpost. The man carried bled profusely from the neck.

A Quick Reaction Force, consisting of Soldiers from the 91st Engineer Battalion, left the camp to investigate.

After the QRF set up a defensive perimeter, Pfc. Patricio Gonzalez, a combat medic with the 91st, determined whether or not the man was actually wounded, making sure that this wasn't a ruse to draw the QRF into an ambush.

That thought was quickly ruled out, when Gonzalez removed a blood-soaked bandage, exposing a knife wound dangerously close to the man's windpipe.

"First we thought it was a [gun] shot, but it turned out he was stabbed," said Staff Sgt. Nestor Ibarra, a member of the QRF present at the scene.



By Spc. Jan Critchfield, 122nd MPAD  
Pfc. Patricio Gonzalez of the 91st Engineer Battalion administers aid to an Iraqi man stabbed in the neck during a fight with another Iraqi just outside the U.S. Army's Forward Operating Base Thunder.

Earlier in the evening, there had been a firefight in which the QRF had participated. This led them to believe that they might have been treating one of the combatants.

"They're still human beings," Ibarra said.

After Gonzalez applied fresh bandages and determined that the man's lungs were not filling with blood, the QRF called the Iraqi Civil Defense

Corps to transport him to a local Red Crescent hospital.

"For a guy who just got stabbed, [his vitals] were still pretty steady," Gonzalez said. "It makes you feel good to help real people."

**Monday**

High: 85  
Low: 63

**Tuesday**

High: 82  
Low: 61

**Wednesday**

High: 91  
Low: 63

**SAFETY TIP**

Army motor vehicle accidents are normally the result of:

- ▶ excessive speed, following too closely, failure to yield right of way, fatigue and inattention.
- ▶ failure to operate a vehicle as prescribed.

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## "Dear Soldier": FH Youths' Gift to Deployed Soldiers

► From *Fort Hood Sentinel*

How do the children and siblings of deployed Soldiers deal with their situation? One positive solution is "Dear Soldier," an upcoming event produced entirely by Fort Hood's minors.

The production, which will be shown May 8, is sponsored by a partnership with the Army Community Service-Army Family Team Building and Child and Youth Services. The "Dear Soldier" Show relies on the talents of those 3-18 years old to honor Fort Hood's Soldiers.

Youth volunteers design, develop and produce the entire "Dear Soldier" event, through the mentorship of adult volunteers.

"Children auditioned for a part in it whether they were doing part of the skit or part of the entertainment," said Yveta Phillips, Chief of Child and Youth Services Division. "It's a variety of people who want to show their parents that they are doing some positive things while they are gone and that they do miss them. They've been involved since the beginning, in writing the script, coming up with the publicity, and the design for the poster."

"We have created some-

thing that celebrates Fort Hood's brave Soldiers, the parents, brothers, and sisters of our youth," said Lorenzo Westbrook, acting director of Fort Hood Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The "Dear Soldier" production is still seeking volunteers.

"We still need some volunteers with the on-set productions, with lights and youth who will be working in the audience serving refreshments, we have lots of jobs open for youth," said Phillips.

Phillips said community members and youth in 6th through 12th grades interested in volunteering can contact Sheila Curtis at 287-8436 or Madeline Lanza, publisher and playwright, at 554-5459.

"I didn't actually write it. The students all contributed in one way or another, it is completely their doing," said Lanza, whose husband recently deployed. "I'm a teacher,

and was thinking of what they [the youth] all go through."

"It was really her idea," said Phillips about Lanza. "Together with student director Mary Bird, [Lanza] volunteered to help with the production."

"One idea she came up with was to make it something that the youth can produce and

send down-range to their parents," said Phillips. "So Child and Youth, with Army Community Service as a partner, joined in and started working with it."

Right now, over a 100 kids are involved, and when it's all said and done, it will be close to 200, according to Phillips.

"There are even 3 to 5 year old kids who will be dancing in the play," she said. "The set itself, the artwork, even the marketing is run by youth!"

The show will be videotaped and sent to Fort Hood Soldiers serving in foreign combat areas.

"What we're trying to do is get the video with the performance in it," said Will Ortiz, a Marketing Specialist, and 12th grader at Killeen High School. Ortiz has been volunteering at Fort Hood's Bronco Youth Center for five years. "I'm doing the marketing, we think of ideas of how to get this program out to everybody, not just those in the military...to let everyone know what we're doing. You know, make the video, put out the message, let the Soldiers know that we know they're going a good job, how much we miss them and how much we wish they were here helping us in our daily life."

"Dear Soldier basically signifies a little kid writing his dad overseas in a war," said Ortiz. "We want to let everyone and the Soldiers know how much we miss them and how much they are a part of our lives. We're putting in the skits for humor, to make them laugh and hopefully then they won't be as down, and to let them know that we're ok, and we're thinking of them, that we love them."

"Dear Soldier will be presented to the Fort Hood community May 8 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Howze Theater.



### Today in Cav History

**1968 - Operation Delaware began.** Elements of the 1st and 3rd brigade invaded the A Shau Valley, located in the mountains 45 kilometers west of the city of Hue. This was a major weigh-station on the Ho Chi Minh trail, a NVA base and was the starting point for the enemy's Tet offensive against Hue. Free world forces had not penetrated this valley since 1966. Despite enemy opposition the 1st Cavalry Division successfully secured the valley.

**1969 - The 3rd Brigade had returned to the northern area**





## Today in History

April 19

► From [historychannel.com](http://historychannel.com)

1775 The American Revolution begins  
 1824 Lord Byron dies in Greece  
 1861 First Blood shed in the Civil War  
 1876 Wyatt Earp dropped from Wichita Police Force  
 1903 Elliot Ness, the man best known for taking down Al Capone, born  
 1927 Mae West sentenced to 10 days in jail for obscenity  
 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising begins  
 1955 Volkswagen of America, Inc. established  
 1971 Vietnam Veterans Against the War demonstrate in Washington, D.C.  
 1993 Branch Davidian compound burns  
 1995 The Oklahoma City Bombing

## ► NCAA MVP Goes 1st in WNBA Draft



UConn Senior Diana Taurasi was the No. 1 pick of the Phoenix Mercury in the WNBA Draft on April 17.



## Major League Baseball Standings

as of 04/18/04

## American League

## East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	7	4	.636	-
Boston	6	5	.545	1
New York	6	6	.500	1.5
Tampa Bay	5	6	.455	2
Toronto	3	9	.250	4.5

## Central Division

Minnesota	8	4	.667	-
Chicago	8	4	.667	-
Detroit	7	5	.583	1
Cleveland	5	8	.385	3.5
Kansas City	4	8	.333	4

## West Division

Oakland	7	4	.636	-
Anaheim	7	5	.583	.5
Texas	6	7	.462	2
Seattle	4	8	.333	3.5

## National League

## East Division

Florida	8	4	.667	-
Atlanta	7	5	.583	1
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	1.5
New York	5	7	.417	3
Montreal	2	10	.167	6

## Central Division

Houston	9	4	.692	-
Cincinnati	7	4	.636	1
Pittsburgh	7	5	.583	1.5
Chicago	6	6	.500	2.5
St. Louis	6	7	.462	3
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	3.5

## West Division

Los Angeles	9	3	.750	-
San Diego	6	6	.500	3
Colorado	5	7	.455	4
San Francisco	5	7	.417	4
Arizona	4	8	.333	5



NBA

Detroit 108  
 Milwaukee 82

Sacramento 116  
 Dallas 105

## TV GUIDE

	AFN ATLANTIC	AFN PACIFIC	AFN Sports	AFN Spectrum
18:00	Dragonfly/ Even Stevens	Tonight Show/ The Late Show	NBA - Playoffs - 1st Round Gm 1 Denver @ Minnesota 16:00	Devil's Arithmetic 17:00
19:00	Jeopardy/ Headline News	The Late Show/ Access Hollywood	MLB - Boston Red Sox @ NY Yankees	The Wild Thornberrys/ The Fairly Oddparents
20:00	ESPNNews/ Headline News	Brighton Beach Memoirs		The Simpsons/ The Cosby Show
21:00	60 Minutes	Midnight Run 21:45		Average Joe
22:00	NYPD Blue		ESPNNews	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit